Rangarajan Committee's recommendations

2218. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rangarajan Committee has recommended major changes for strengthening of the statistical system and data collection in the country;

(b) if so, the details of these recommendations; and

(c) the time by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G. K. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Rangarajan Commission in its report submitted to the Prime Minister in 2001 made 623 recommendations covering administrative and technical requirements for improving in the Indian Statistical System.

(c) The responsibility of implementing the recommendations lies with the concerned Ministeries and Departments of Government of India and the State Governments. So far, no specific time frame has been fixed to implement all the recommendations. However 238 recommendations have been implemented.

Twenty Point Programme

†2219. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it it a fact that economically developed States such as Maharashtra and Punjab are lagging behind with regard to implementation of parameters of Twenty Point Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to duly implement Twenty Point Programme in their States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION: (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) As per the Progress Report on the implementation of Twenty Point

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